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The Honorable Harold L. Volkmer  
U. S. House of Representatives  
2409 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-2509

Dear Congressman Volkmer:

Thank you for your letter of April 2, 1996, on behalf of your constituent, Wanda Rothweiler, regarding the Commission's decision to freeze acceptance of paging applications. Ms. Rothweiler expresses concern that the suspension of processing of paging applications will adversely affect small businesses that provide paging services.

The Commission is currently conducting a rulemaking proceeding that proposes to transition from licensing paging frequencies on a transmitter-by-transmitter basis to a geographic licensing approach, using auctions to award licenses where there are mutually exclusive applications. In conjunction with that proceeding, the Commission initially froze processing of applications for paging frequencies. On April 23, 1996, the Commission released a First Report and Order in **WT Docket 96-18** and PP Docket 93-253, which adopted interim measures governing the licensing of paging systems and partially lifted the interim freeze for incumbent paging licensees. For your convenience and information, enclosed is a copy of the Press Release concerning the First Report and Order, which includes a summary of the principal decisions made. Specifically, small and medium sized incumbent paging companies will be permitted to expand their service areas if the proposed new site is within 65 kilometers (40 miles) of an authorized and operating site. These interim rules will remain in effect until the Commission adopts final rules in the paging proceeding.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

David L. Furth  
Chief, Commercial Wireless Division  
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

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**House of Representatives**  
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April 2, 1996

Lauren J. Belvin  
Acting Director  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M St. NW  
Room 808  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Director Belvin:

I am forwarding to you a letter from one of my constituents, Wanda Rothweiler, concerning a freeze on new paging licenses.

Please respond to her concern and forward your reply to me so that I may better serve my constituents.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter. With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Harold L. Volkmer  
Member of Congress

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March 25, 1996

The Honorable Harold Voller  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC

Dear Representative Voller

The FCC has recently imposed a freeze on new paging licenses when they issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on recommended changes to paging licensing rules.

Our management team spent a considerable amount of time in Washington during the last two weeks visiting with various Representatives and Senators who promised overwhelming support for our position based on the fact that this freeze was ill advised and has already cost Glenayre, as well as many paging operators, considerable losses. The freeze also threatens our jobs and an unnecessary slowdown of this very vibrant industry.

Please do not let a government agency arbitrarily slow down or shut down a very vibrant industry in a time when employment and economic growth is so important to this Country.

We encourage you to do everything possible to have the FCC lift this freeze immediately.

We appreciate your support.

Best regards,

Wanda L. Coltrane

Ramon D. Ardizzone  
President & CEO

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*as a stockholder I am also a member of the  
I am helping you except - get to have a firm maintain a  
keeping my own. Please lift the freeze immediately  
Sincerely,  
Wanda L. Coltrane*

cc: Commercial Wireless Division  
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